

17 April 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Resume of OCB Luncheon Meeting, 9 April 1958

PRESENT: Mr. Cutler, Mr. Dulles, Mr. Gray, Dr. FitzGerald,  
Mr. Harr, Mr. Herter, Mr. Scribner, Mr. Sprague,  
Mr. Strauss, Mr. Washburn, Mr. Staats

1. Loss of Scientist in Helicopter Crash

The death of Dr. Mark M. Mills in the crash of a helicopter at Eniwetok on April 7 was discussed. It was generally agreed that, apart from the loss of a valuable man, this accident could have adverse psychological effects in connection with the current controversy over continuation of nuclear tests.

2. U. S. Satellite for Foreign Use

A memorandum from the Director of the National Science Foundation, addressed to the OCB, was tabled. This memorandum requested the Board to consider the pros and cons of setting aside a U. S. satellite, after the close of the International Geophysical Year, for use by foreign scientists. Dr. Waterman suggested that it might be worthwhile to allow such scientists to include in this vehicle instrumentation developed in their own countries.

An opinion was expressed that it might be better to make such an offer after launching techniques have been more fully developed, so as to avoid the possibility of an unsuccessful attempt after foreign instruments had been included.

The proposal was referred to the OCB Working Group on the Scientific Earth Satellite.

NSC review(s) completed.

3. High Altitude Nuclear Tests

Mr. Strauss announced that the high-altitude shots will be undertaken as a part of the HARDTACK tests will be held at Johnston Island, rather than at Eniwetok. The reason for the change is that it is not certain how much fallout will result, nor how widespread it might be. There are no inhabited islands closer to Johnston than the Hawaiian group, which is some 800 miles away.

4. Flight of Boeing 707 to Brussels

A suggestion was made that the U. S. should consider arranging for a flight of the new Boeing 707 commercial aircraft to Brussels at some time during the course of the Exposition, which opens April 17. It was noted that the 707 has many features which are superior to those in any other existing airplane, and that showing it to a European audience might have a very good psychological effect. It was also suggested that well-known public figures might travel on the 707 to Brussels to attend the scheduled "America Day," which will be held there in early July.

Mr. Dulles said that he had discussed this airplane with Samuel Pryor, Vice President of Pan American Airways, which has purchased it. He said that perhaps it might be useful to approach Juan Trippe with this suggestion, and that he would be glad to speak to Mr. Trippe if the Board wished him to do so, *but felt it might be better if Mr. Fulton did the calling. Mr. Fulton agreed*

5. Ideas *to do it.*

The Board then discussed the difficulties inherent in carrying on government operations which are readily criticized by individuals of stature, who are not fully informed. It was suggested that some of these individuals might be asked to get together and produce constructive ideas of their own. These might in themselves be substantial contributions, and in any case they might result in better understanding and more cooperation on the part of the critics.

  
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Director

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